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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

Recently, in my capacity as President of the Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC), I had to reply to two inquiries which bluntly questioned why one should join, pay dues, and belong to the SSRC.

I dutifully wrote and sent replies, arguing the importance of membership and encouraging these two individuals to join. Yet, this incident caused me to pause and think, simply because the nature of their questioning reflects the fact that there are many more coin hobbyists across this nation than are members of national, regional, or even local coin hobby organizations.

It could be strongly argued that it is advantageous not to belong to and certainly not to participate in a coin club. One would save on dues, drawing tickets, donations, and so forth. One could not risk being asked or chosen to serve an elected position or committee duty. One need not go out in evenings, sometimes in bad weather or while missing a great game on the television. Nor, would one have to sit in a usually unairconditioned room listening to a dragged-out or boring business session. In addition, one may equally stay home and still claim to enjoy coins.

These are very telling reasons for not joining and obviously not participating, and based on the number of coin hobbyists and the repeated indifference of those who even join a coin club, these reasons must be held as gospel.

However, what these coin hobbyists forget, or in the case of the two individuals I replied to, is profoundly: you only get what you give.

One could debate that a coin hobbyist does not need a coin club: you can purchase coins via the mail, subscribe to several periodicals, even attend an occasional commercial coin show, and in the process build some impressive collections.

However, what this argument forgets, and is forgotten by so many closet coin hobbyists, is candidly: the loss of human fellowship enjoyed, shared, and enriched when with like-minded people.

One could claim no need, as so many have done, to joining a coin club. Yet, this hobby, or for that matter any advocacy, is only good and only advances when all its adherents work and assist.

One could claim conflicts in time and commitments. Yet, this hobby, like any cause, needs its adherents to state their support for the coin hobby, and membership in a coin club is such a statement.

One could claim lack of experience or qualifications to prevent serving an office or actively contributing to a coin club. Yet, there are, contrary to popular rumor, very, very few 'hobby professionals'. Coin Clubs still remain a bastion of common everyday next-door fellow-at-work types: working, cooperating, and, this is the key, learning together.

One could claim no advantage, as is clear to those many who refuse to join

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

1989 Coin Show and Exposition

The 28th Annual NCNA Coin Show and Exposition will be this July 20, 21, 22, and 23, 1989, Thursday thru Sunday, hours Daily 10:00am to 7:00pm and Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco. Admission is FREE.

Bourse Tables remain available, and interested coin dealers are welcomed to contact:

Ron Miller
Fremont Coin Gallery
3769 Peralta Blvd.
Fremont, California 94536
415-792-1511

All NCNAers are urged to attend and support this year's Coin Show and Exposition.

1990 Coin Show and Exposition

Is reported, but not confirmed, to be relocated to the San Jose Convention Center, in downtown San Jose. Dates and details are pending.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Is scheduled for July 23, 1989, Sunday, at 1:30pm during the annual Coin Show and Exposition at the Cathedral Hill Hotel. All Coin Clubs are urged to send a voting Club Delegate to this important Meeting. Items on the Agenda include several proposals to have NCNA contribute funds to local coin clubs, out-reach programs by NCNA to assist local coin clubs, and deciding future locations for the quarterly Board of Directors Meetings.

1989 Officer Election

Soon both Nominations and Elections for the NCNA Executive Officers--President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary--will be held. Please consider running for an Office and most certainly vote.

Coin Show Coordination

Again, it is announced that Ron Miller, via his position with NCNA and active involvement in the coin hobby, remains willing to act as a clearinghouse and information source for local coin club coin shows

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within northern California, hoping as such to assist in scheduling dates and avoiding conflicts. Coin Clubs are urged to contact him at his business, address and phone number given previous page.

Coin Club List

The latest Issue is enclosed. Please use. The value of this service is only good as its usage, so all NCNAers urged to refer to it and attend regularly meetings of their local coin clubs plus visits to other coin clubs in the area.

Corrections and revisions on any coin club listed should be sent in writing to:

Edward Sins
Coin Club List
PO Box 5075
San Jose, California 95150

Requests for copies may be directed to same address.

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POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Numismatic Directory

Moore's Numismatic Directory

Some coin clubs and coin hobbyists may not be aware of the valuable and outstanding service to our hobby be provided by Randall Jack Moore with his periodical and regional White Sheet, a listing of coin shows, and his work in compiling a directory of all coin clubs across this nation.

Mr. Moore is in constant need of current and correct information of coin clubs and their coin shows. He has Forms for both reporting coin shows and registering coin clubs. Those desiring to learn more about his invaluable assistance to the coin hobby or to have their local coin club coin show listed write to:

Randall Jack Moore
Numismatic Directory
8368-E Via Sonoma
La Jolla, California 92037
619-452-1971

It is hoped that Mr. Moore may provide courtesy copies of his White Sheet for the next Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales.

Mr. Moore's work has proven so valuable his listings and directories are being utilized by the American Numismatic Association (ANA).

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Peninsula Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Livermore Valley Coin Club
Alameda Coin Club
Solano Silver Round Club
Greater Houston Coin Club
Reno Coin Club
Cupertino Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Fremont Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
San Jose Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Fairfield Coin Club
San Francisco Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
Napa Valley Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club

Peninsula Coin Club Elected its 1989 Officers at its recent April 10th Meeting: BOB KEEGAN, President, AL LO, Vice-President, FRED van den HAAK, Treasurer, and DAN SHATTUC, Secretary. Retiring long-time Treasurer, officer, and PCC activist, RICH DOUGLAS was voted a special Resolution of Appreciation "for his many years of service to our Club". PCC announces the date for its annual Coin Show will be Sunday, November 12, 1989 at the Hyatt Palo Alto. Information on this 1989 Coin Show write to: 'PO Box 60484, Palo, Alto, California, 94306-0484'.

Fresno Numismatic Society Held at its May 9th Meeting Other Hobbies Night: DAVE JOSEPHINE, Baseball Cards and Balls, MERLE DAVIS, Youth Size Silverware, MARVIN MATLOCK, Clocks, RUTH PHILLIPS, Banks, JOHN REYNOLDS, Banners and Pennents, LOREN GAITHER, Collectables, PHIL NORDIN, Numismatic Photography, and JOEL KITTIKO, Belleck which is "an area of Ireland where porcelain cups, saucers, plates, jars, and other items are made". GEORGE SHAMLIN spoke on Slab Coins at the June 13th Meeting, and FNS Vice-President PHIL PLETTNER presented a slide program on Grading of Washington Quarters at the April 11th Meeting, as part of the FNS' National Coin Week Celebration. FNS reports that its 1989 Coin-A-Rama will be Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th, at a new location, the Holiday Inn at Fresno Airport.

Livermore Vallejo Coin Club Heard well-known coin hobby activist RON MILLER talk on Type Coins at its April 18th Meeting. BOB HALLAM spoke on Wall Street Investment in Slab Coins at the May 16th Meeting. The LVCC has two special enticement drawings at its

Meetings, On-Time and Gold: "Be On-Time or a few minutes early and help us set-up the room, and be eligible for that On-Time prize. Stick-Around until the Meeting is over; you might win that nice Mexican Two Peso Gold. Now, which new member, initials VL, left early last month and therefore did not hear his name drawn for that Gold?".

Alameda Coin Club Heard PAULINE KELLEY, Pauline's Antiques speak on Collectables and Antiques at its April 11th Meeting; her presentation based on an extensive and eye-catching display was highly received as both entertaining and educating. Your Editor who attended this Meeting was very impressed with her knowledge and interest in Collectables and Antiques. The Alameda Coin Club meets every Second Tuesday evening at 7:30pm of each month at Citicorp Savings' Community Room, corner of Webster and Haight, Alameda. Information the the ACC, write: 'PO Box 1763, Alameda, California, 94501'.

Solano Silver Round Club Closed Orders for its First Issue 1989 silver round of its Second World War Fiftieth (50th) Golden Anniversary Series, a series of annually issued silver rounds through 1995. The First Issue for Blitzkrieg Warfare was designed by DAN ROBERTSON and features a Luftwaffe Stuka Fighter; its mintage will be: 87 total. The SSRC held its annual gathering at the recent April 30th Vallejo Coin Show at which DAVID W. LANGE spoke on Designing A Medal, using his own extensive experience in medal creations.

Greater Houston Coin Club Replacing long-time Editor CHRIS JOHNS, VIN HENNESSY has volunteered to become the new Editor the GHCC's Double Shift starting with the June Issue; his short Opening Editorial notes "as you know the GHCC continues to thrive because individuals have come forth and do what needs to be done. This truism will hold today as in the past". Two GHCC members spoke at the May 18th Meeting were: CHARLES TEMPLETON, 'Heraldry of Royal Families of Europe' and CARL FOGARTY, 'Ancient Barter Monies'.

Reno Coin Club Bestowed its Second Life Membership on former long-time Treasurer ED HOFFMAN recently, no date of this presentation was reported. The plaque attesting to his Life Membership #2 was presented by current RCC President RUSTY KING who "cited ED's five year service as the Club's Treasurer along with his devotion in prompting the Club both locally and on a national basis with mailings to other Coin Clubs" plus his efforts were "very responsible for the RCC's early and current success". ED HOFFMAN, as HLM #2, joins JUNE BLACK, who is HLM #1. Several RCC members attended recently the Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary Ceremony for the Nevada State Museum, the old Carson City (CC) Mint; they were: HOWDY HERTZ, RUSTY KING, DAVE ANDREWS, AL SHAY, LOU COLES, and GEORGIA HIGGINS. The Museum's prized Press #1 struck a series of gold, silver, and bronze medals for this Anniversary.

Cupertino Coin Club Elected its 1989 Officers at its April 7th Meeting: KEN BARR, President, RAY JOHNSON, Vice-President, RONDA

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JOHNSON, Youth Vice-President, JEAN PRITCHETT, Recording Secretary, WALT MERTENS, Corresponding Secretary, and RON ISHIZAKI, Treasurer. It was noted that "Youth Vice-President's race was a cliff-hanger. In the three-way race, RONDA JOHNSON won a narrow victory over NATHAN MILLER and MICHAEL BAER. It is too bad that we cannot have more Offices for these enthusiastic, energetic Youth Members." These Officers were installed by DAVID CIENIEWICZ, well-known respected coin hobbyist. Recent CCC Exhibit Winners at the May 5 thru 7, 1989 Semi-Annual California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Convention were: AL LO, Rulers of Hawaii, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, with The Eisenhower Dollar, Silver Pesos of Modern Mexcio, and Nevada Gaming Tokens, and BOB KEEGAN, Buffalo Bill Cody Medals. At the May 5th Meeting, DEAN and KATHLEEN SODERSTROM presented an "educating and enertaining" talk of the their recent trip to mainland China: "We learned about the traffic jams, daring bicycle riders, and conditions in China which were not quite Holiday Inn. DEAN showed how capitalistic the Chinese have become when he showed us many replicas of ancient Chinese Spade and Holed Money which are sold to tourists. They looked very authentic with even rust and green patina. KATHLEEN showed the modern Chinese currency, both the local and tourist varieties".

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Had had two fine programs: DON TRALL, long-time PCNS Treasurer, on Fractional Currency at its April 26th Meeting and TOM KELLY on California Fractional Gold at the May 31st Meeting. DAVID CIENIEWICZ, PCNS' Past President, joins other PCNSers as Krause Publications' latest Numismatic Ambassador; they are: ERIC WERLING, JOHN SEARS, DON THRALL, ED FULWIDER, AL HALL, KAY LENKER, JOHN LENKER, O. L. WALLIS, and OZZIE STOUT. Effective with the July Meeting, PCNS will relocate its monthly last Wednesday Meetings to the Telephone Museum, 1515 19th Avenue, near Kirkham, San Francisco.

Fremont Coin Club Heard DONG DANIELS at its April 11th Meeting talk on the 1892 World's Columbian Exposition. Also heard at its May 23th Meeting FRANK WEICZOREK on Repousse Coins, coins with the effigy pushed-out. The FCC has an excellent series of events scheduled for the remainder of 1989: June 25th, Annual Picnic, July 9th, A's Game, August 20th, Annual Coin Show, September 17th, Golf Tournament, plus dates to be set for its Christmas Party in December and Annual Installation Banquet in January 1990.

Delta Coin Club Prays that its long-time booster and dear friend ELDEN ENZMINGER soon returns to good and active health: "We all wish you a speedy recovery ELDEN and are sorry your vacation plans did not materialize". The Delta Coin Club's next two coin Shows will be: 25th Annual Coin Show, October 21 and 22, 1989 and 26th Annual Coin Show, October 20 and 21, 1990, both held at the Eagles' Hall in Stockton. This short notice was in the April Issue of the DCC's Newsletter: "Did you read about the Savings and Loan that cannot say 'Thanks' is about to be taken over by the FSLIC? Maybe that is why both ELDEN ENZMINGER and SYD KASS were never told 'Thanks' for having displays in the lobby during

the Savings and Loan's Open House last February 22, 1989. A Thought: maybe the DCC should thank Washington Savings and Loan for the exposure during the Open House?".

Liberty Numismatic Society Heard professional numismatist STEPHEN M. HUSTON speak at its April 4th Meeting on Imperial Roman Portrait Coins. The LNS heard at its May 2nd Meeting DAVID CIENIEWICZ with his "long-awaited repeat of his impromptu speech of twelve years ago!". Now, what was the topic? The Liberty Numismatic Society has a new mailing address: 'PO Box 884, Millbrae, California, 94030'.

San Jose Coin Club Elected its 1989-1990 at its April 12th Meeting: RON MILLER, President, VIC LAZZARO, Vice-President, RONDA JOHNSON, Junior Vice-President, MARTHA SANFORD, Recording Secretary, AL LO, Corresponding Secretary, and WALLY WALLAKER, Treasurer. The SJCC reports the following figures for its annual Souvenir Cards: 1989 Issues--246 Mint and 100 Cancelled, 1988--121 Mint, 100 Cancelled, and 20 First Day Issue, and 1987--144 Mint and 100 Cancelled. At the March 8th Meeting, STEVE SANFORD spoke on the 'Coinage of Seychelles', of which is an avid collector: "One of the sets on display during his presentation turned out to be a rare Pattern Set. Having encountered difficulty with buying one year's Proofs from the vendor, Popejoy Mint, STEVE wrote very early for the following year's Set. He was sent one of two trial sets issued by Popejoy Mint for advertising purposes. As luck would have it, the Set was never produced. STEVE was, therefore, fortunate enough to obtain a one-of-two Pattern Set". It was reported in the April newsletter that "AUSTEN Warburton, our member in second-longest standing was present at the April Meeting, as well as NEIL 'Rip Van Winkle' LOCKLEY and DONALD HAMMOND. LILLIAN HOOKER, Co-Editor of the first newsletter of our Club, was present at the March Meeting after a long absence, and NORMAN PRUNIER attended our Coin Show in January". It is always good to have old-time Members still involved or visiting.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Held its Annual Other Hobbies Night at its April 5th Meeting: DAN ROBERTSON, Handguns, JAN HENKE, Chuck E. Cheese Pizza Palor Tokens, STAN TURRINI, Vallejo Postcards, BOB KECK, Baseball Treasures including Babe Ruth's autographed ball, CRAIG BLACKWOOD, Political Buttons, FRANCES McDOWELL, Keepsakes, and MIKE STANLEY, Baseball Cards. May 3rd Meeting heard RON MILLER talk and display Type Coins. June 7th Meeting was the VNS' Annual Al Renn Memorial Auction.

Fairfield Coin Club Also held in April, on the 26th, its Annual Other Hobbies Night: STAN TURRINI, Confederate Autographs, JUDY ORTIZ, Computer Graphics, JAN HENKE, Chuck E. Cheese Tokens, MARK VAN HEUSEN, Baseball Cards, RAYMOND BLACKWOOD, Baseball Cards, RON KELICHNER, Anheuser-Busch Postcards, CRAIG BLACKWOOD, Old Machines which included a working gasoline engine for a 1921 Maytag Washer, and DAN ROBERTSON, Frank McCarthy's Prints. May 24th was the date for the FCC's Annual May Potluck which had

thirty-eight in attendance, heard RON MILLER speak on Buffalo NICKELS, witness both ED HOPKINSON with Ten Texas Bucks and JAN HENKE lost in the Drawing, and saw both President JOE SIROIS and Vice-President STAN TURRINI win two each of the ten 1/10 gold American Eagles in the Drawing. The June 28th Meeting was the FCC's Second Annual George Flannagan Memorial Auction. The next big event for the FCC will be its Hawaii/Luau Night, and Hawaiian Potluck plus all Hawaiian coins as prizes, at the July 26th Meeting; fellow coin hobbyists are invited, call JAN HENKE, FCC's Secretary at '707-427-0482'.

San Francisco Coin Club Will lose its current Two Cents Worth Editor VICKIE SEELIG as he and her husband, STEPHEN SEELIG, will relocate to San Jose soon. New Editor will be TOM KELLY. It was noted that three SFCCers were recently in Washington, DC on June 14th for the Congressional Bicentennial Coinage First Strike Ceremony: HAN HANSSON, MIKE STANLEY, and STAN TURRINI(!). Recent SFCC Meeting speakers have been: TOM KELLY, February 28th, Morgan Dollar Grading, STAN TURRINI, March 28th, The Carnegie Medal, HAN HANSSON, April 25th, Swedish History, STEPHEN SEELIG, May 23rd, Recent Luxembourg Coinage, and RON JOHNSON, June 27th, Errors. Now, that is a nice array of topics, something for anyone and everyone. The SFCC reports that its and the Alameda Coin Club's joint Third Annual Greater Bay Area Coin Show will be this Sunday, September 10, 1989, again at the Oakland Hyatt Hotel.

Diablo Numismatic Society Heard Two Maurices--MAURICE ROSE and MAURICE ORTIZ--speak on Slab Coins at its March 16th Meeting. April 20th Meeting was the DNS' Annual Other Hobbies Night: SALLY MENDENHALL, Unusual Cookbooks, PAUL INGLE, Old Documents, GEORGE TYSON, Winemaking, CRAIG BLACKWOOD, Political Buttons, JAN HENKE, Coin Club Medals, STUART HUCKABY, Admission Tickets, MIKE STANLEY, SF Gaints Baseball Cards, and STAN TURRINI, Tie Date Nails. May 18th Meeting had RON KELICHNER speak on Political Buttons, using his own extensive collection as a focal point of his interesting talk, and the June 15th Meeting was graced by noted numismatic scholar WALTER BREEN who held a Question-and-Answer session. The DNS's Fourth Annual Picnic will be this July 20th at 6:30pm at the Fairacre Estate of well-known Walnut Creek socialites HART and BETTY FAIRCLOUGH, who again graciously open their private Mountain Diablo mansion to DNS Members and families.

Napa Valley Coin Club Held its Annual Potluck on Friday evening, April 21st, with 80 plus members and guests in attendance. The June Issue of the NVCC's Napa Valley Numismatic Notes, Editor GENE FEIERSTEIN, was the Fourth Anniversary of the Club's current newsletter: "Believe it or not, this month's newsletter is the Fourth Anniversary since the first in June 1985. Four years ago, the very first issue reported that THELMA KRIEG, the first and only member to serve all offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, had been made a Life Member. OZZIE STOUT's talk on the collapse of the Chinese yuan during and after the Second World War with slides prepared by O.L. WALLIS was the

the highlight of the June Meeting."

Redwood Empire Coin Club Writes that its 1989 Coin Show will be on Sunday, October 8, 1989, at the Santa Rosa Veterans' Memorial Building, across from the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa. Named the 22nd Annual Coin-A-Rama, Bourse Coordinator is: 'Bill Feist, PO Box 2811, Santa Rosa, California, 95405-0811'. The RECC meets on the Fourth Wednesday, not last Wednesday, evening at 7:30pm in the Orchard Park Center, 1945 Piner Road, Santa Rosa. To celebrate its 40th Anniversary this year, 1949-1989, the RECC plans to hold an Anniversary Banquet in lieu of its September 27th Meeting. It will be at Santa Rosa's well-known Los Robles Lodge and include a guest speaker, special door prizes, and a big drawing valued at \$100.00. Time and dinner selections are pending. A plea is made for former RECC Members to attend as well as representatives of local area coin clubs.

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even one coin club, in belonging to a coin club. Yet, this argument fails when confronted by the knowledge, opportunity, fellowship, relaxation, and good memories obtained by belonging and being part of a coin club.

Years ago while still in Junior College, I attended a meeting of the Vallejo Numismatic Society with a fellow friend. I wanted to join, knowing that a coin club would enhance and advance my coin hobby pursuit. My friend argued against, claiming no value nor return to paying \$3.00 dues or attending meetings. In the long-run, I rejected his opposition.

What did I get out of it? Much work, commitments, expenses, regular loss of evenings, coin club materials around the house, this quarterly newsletter, and so forth. Yes, these were what I got.

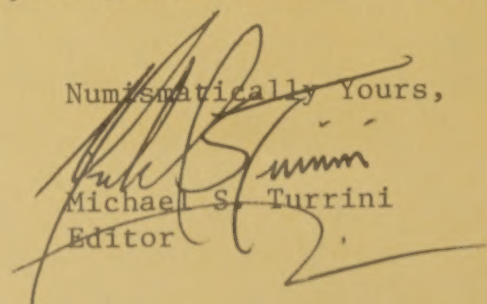
Now, ask what was my reward? Fine drawing prizes, great memories, much knowledge, supportive coin dealers, a whole new world of good times, additional collecting interests, and maturity, plus even invitations to United States Mint ceremonies. Yes, these were my reward.

But, there was one more reward, the best by far: some of my best friends, people who I know I could count on.

Yes, my friend was wrong. In fact, so wrong that he lost interest in coins. That in of itself could be another argument for joining a coin club: sustaining interest and intensity in your coin hobby. But, this is a pale argument to this point: no man nor woman has yet to make friends by staying isolated.

In the end, the hobby is made of people. If one can do without people, than so sorry and sad for him or her. For one to have a full life, one needs both companionship and fellowship. For true coin hobbyists, coin clubs provide these many times over all-the-time.

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
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